

In the claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 the following is a complete listing of the claims of the present application:

1-8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (presently amended) A purified and isolated Human Mannan-binding protein (hMBP) having possessing anti-Influenza A virus activity as determined by the method comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing virus(es)-infected cells by culturing cells in presence of Influenza virus virus(es) to prepare virus(es) infected cells,

(b) presenting the virus(es)-infected cells in presence or absence of a-calcium-dependent lectin the hMBP,

(c) comparing gross area of virus(es)-infected focus formed in the presence of a-calcium-dependent lectin the hMBP with that formed in the absence of a-calcium-dependent lectin the hMBP, and

(d) evaluating from the comparison results in the step (c) an inhibition level by the calcium-dependent lectin the hMBP on budding of Influenza virus in said infected cells,

wherein the calcium-dependent lectin the hMBP comprises an N-terminal region containing cysteine, a collagen-like region, a neck region, and a carbohydrate recognition domain (CRD) and an N-terminal region carrying cysteine.